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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 10 (January 30, 1998)

The Postal Service is requested to provide the information described below to assist in developing a record for the consideration of its request for changes in rates and fees. In order to facilitate inclusion of the requested material in the evidentiary record, the Postal Service is to have a witness attest to the accuracy of the answers and be prepared to explain to the extent necessary the basis for the answers at our hearings. The answers are to be provided within 14 days.

In response to interrogatory MMA/USPS-T-25-1(c), redirected to the United States Postal Service, the Service calculated the unit costs for First-Class mail using the Commission approved methodology. These cost were based on:

- a. Models with productivities based on volume variabilities of 100 percent;
- b. Operation-specific piggyback factors; and
- c. Costs by shape calculated consistent with LR-MCR-10 in Docket No. MC95-1.

Please provide the same calculations for all classes, subclasses, or rate categories that incorporate discount methodology in rate setting (periodicals, Standard (A), Standard (B), etc.). Please also provide all data supporting these calculations in electronic format as was done in LR H-301 in support of the response to MMA/USPS-T-25-1(c).

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Presiding Officer